Number of disabled persons

†*377. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disabled persons of all categories in the country;

(b) the number of the disabled persons in Jharkhand; and

(c) the provision made by Government for getting latest position of the number of disabled persons in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) According to Census 2001, there were 2.19 crores persons with disabilities in the country of whom 4.48 lakhs were in Jharkhand.

(c) The data will be updated in the next census in 2011.

Opening of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

*378. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 28 new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) have been approved to be opened in the country during the current year;

(b) if so, the number of JNVs proposed to be opened in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all the existing JNVs do not have classes from 1st Standard to 12th Standard;

(d) if so, the details of such JNVs in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) the reasons for not accommodating higher secondary sections in JNVs; and

(f) the number of JNVs in Andhra Pradesh which have permanent school buildings and computer facilities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. During the year 2006-07, the Government had approved the proposal for opening 28 new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs).

There are 22 JNVs functioning in as many districts of Andhra Pradesh. Only one district in Andhra Pradesh, i.e., Hyderabad does not have a JNV as the district has no rural population.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. As per the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme, the entry point in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas is Class-VI and higher classes gets added up every year as the students of a class get promoted, subject to availability of accommodation. All the 22 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh, have higher Secondary Sections.

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